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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is an [X] original patent application or, [] a continuation-in-part patent application, by inventor(s) Skef F. Iterum, Declan J. Murphy, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REACHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN NODES IN A DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM.

No. of pages in Application: 23; No. of Claims: 43.

No. of Sheets of Drawings: Formal: 5, Informal: 0.

Also enclosed are:

- [] a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 in [] a separate document [] the declaration;
- [] a certified copy of the priority document;
- [] an Associate Power of Attorney;
- [] verified statement(s) claiming small entity status;
- [x] a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors(s);
- [] a signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors will follow;
- [x] an Assignment document and form PTO-1595;
- [x] a Power of Attorney by Assignee; and
- [] Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

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Basic Application Fee					\$690.00
Total Claims	43	MINUS 20 =	23	\$18.00=	\$414.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	\$78.00=	\$78.00
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